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1. claims: 1-9

Pressure infiltration casting of a MMC including applying after pressure direct to the molten metal.

2. claims: 10-13

A die casting machine including a mechanical compaction piston.

3. claims: 14-18

A method of casting a component in a die comprising a heated first part having an opening placed in a second part also having an opening wherein the opening of the second part is registrable with the external opening of the first part when housed in the second part.

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